

House Resolution No. 1230

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the achievements of state employees who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

Whereas, Rodney St. Gemme of Bonne Terre has attained considerable distinction as a Corrections Officer I with the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, employed by the Missouri Department of Corrections since October 21, 2002, Rodney St. Gemme will receive a Lifesaver Award on Monday, March 21, 2005, at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in light of his successful lifesaving efforts while on duty on January 5, 2004; and

Whereas, during the evening meal, Rodney St. Gemme and two other officers noticed that a wheelchair bound offender was choking on a piece of food; and

Whereas, while his two colleagues lifted the inmate from the wheelchair, Rodney St. Gemme successfully applied abdominal thrusts to dislodge the food and clear the offender's airway; and

Whereas, Rodney St. Gemme's highly professional actions proved instrumental in saving a fellow human being's life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the lifesaving knowledge and activities of Rodney St. Gemme and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon his well-deserved receipt of a Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Corrections Officer I Rodney St. Gemme of the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center at Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Robinson
District No. 107

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1230, adopted March 14, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker